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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Sharmila S. Gollamudi Group Art Unit: 1616

Re: Application of: Chih-Ming CHEN, et al.

Serial No.: 09/435,576

Filed: November 8, 1999

For: **HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITOR
EXTENDED RELEASE FORMULATION**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 5, 2005

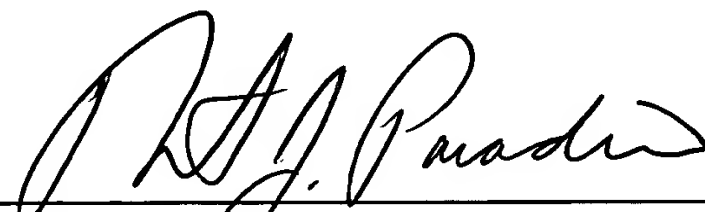
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2005 for one (1) month from April 5, 2005 to May 5, 2005.

A check for \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the one (1) month extension fee. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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